

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Richard W. Anderson**

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**Richard W. Anderson**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: January 1991  
Term Expires: January 2007

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Nancy O'Brien** ..... (406) 247-7025  
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Law Clerk [Part-time] **Lisa Bazant** ..... (406) 247-7025  
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**Carolyn S. Ostby**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Macalester 1972 BA;  
Montana 1977 JD  
Began Service: February 2002  
Term Expires: February 2010



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge The Honorable Russell E. Smith,  
United District Court for the District of Montana (1977-1979)

**Government:** Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, United States  
Department of Justice (1979-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Crowley Law Firm (1980-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
Foundation, Life Fellow; American College of Trial Lawyers; American  
Judicature Society; Cascade County Bar Association; State Bar of  
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**Staff**

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Began Service: August 2004  
Term Expires: August 2007  
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**Jeremiah C. Lynch**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: July 2006

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, District Judge Paul G. Hatfield, United States  
District Court for the District of Montana (1981-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Private Practice (1995-2006)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Tracey Baldwin** ..... (406) 542-7280  
Education: Montana 1995 JD

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch continued**

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Education: Montana JD

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**Gerard M. Schuster**  
Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Montana 1967 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: 1974

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National District  
Attorneys Association; State Bar of Montana

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Montana**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 1

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**Ralph B. Kirscher**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
Education: Montana; American U MPA; Montana JD  
Began Service: November 18, 1999  
Term Expires: November 18, 2013

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, The University of Montana,  
Missoula

**Academic:** Adjunct Lecturer, University of Montana School of Law  
(1992-1997)

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Silver  
Bow County Bar Association; State Bar of Montana

**Staff**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**The Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: Creighton 1971 BA, 1974 JD  
Began Service: October 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender,  
County of Douglas, Nebraska (1974-1980)

**Legal Practice:** Trial Attorney, Emil F. Sodoro P.C. (1980); Trial Attorney,  
Sodoro, Johnson, Daly, Stave, Cavel & Coffey (1980-1981); Trial  
Attorney, Sodoro, Daly & Sodoro (1981-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1971-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
Association/Judges Division; Federal Bar Association; Federal Judges  
Association, Board of Directors; Nebraska Bar Association; Nebraska  
State Bar Association House of Delegates; Omaha Bar Association

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**Richard G. Kopf**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Nebraska (Kearney) 1969 BA; Nebraska 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 26, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Donald R. Ross, United States Court  
of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1972-1974)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of  
Nebraska (1987-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Cook, Kopf & Doyle (1974-1987)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
Foundation; Nebraska State Bar; Nebraska State Bar Foundation

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**Laurie Smith Camp**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Stanford 1974 BA; Nebraska 1977 JD  
Began Service: November 2, 2001  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Corporate:** Associate General Counsel, First National Bank and Trust  
Company (1977-1978)

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